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17 November 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, KR/FIG

FROM: []

SUBJECT: Dr. Ernst Brueckner: Tour of mid-western and western United States,
28 October through 2 November 1954

INTRODUCTION: Following long-distance telephone conversations with [] I went to San Francisco on 27 October to be briefed and obtain funds from [] Chief of the KUBARK office in that city. [] provided me with a copy of [] confidential instructions for the handling of Dr. Brueckner. [] advanced to me \$800.00 against my receipt. [] office had also made hotel reservations for Dr. Brueckner and myself at the Hotel Plaza in San Francisco.

ITINERARY:

28 October

I left Santa Cruz, California, at 0910 and arrived in San Francisco at 1324. After checking in at the hotel, I made a final call at [] office to pick up any last-minute instructions from Headquarters. At about 1700 I called for a rented car from the Hertz Agency and drove immediately to the San Francisco International Airport. Dr. Brueckner arrived exactly on time on a direct flight from Washington and was easily identified from the description given me. We drove immediately to downtown San Francisco and were checked in at the Hotel Plaza on Union Square by 2030.

At 2130 we went out to "Rickey's" on Van Ness Avenue for dinner and by 2300 were ready for a short night drive around the northwest quarter of the city. At midnight we went up to the "Top of the Mark" for a view and some drinks and finally returned to our hotel at about 0200 in the morning.

29 October

Up at 0900 for breakfast, and, after making advance air, rail and hotel reservations in accordance with the planned schedule we jointly worked out the previous evening, we were on our way over the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge by 1030 to visit the East Bay area. On reaching Oakland, I first telephoned the Berkeley Police Department and arranged for our reception in the early afternoon. We spent the remainder of the morning driving around Oakland, Lake Merritt and the exclusive residential area of Piedmont. At noon we went out to Berkeley, had lunch at the International House and then drove around on the campus of the University of California. In the early afternoon we appeared for our appointment at the office of the Chief of the Berkeley Police Department. The Chief himself on a business trip to Washington, we

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were received by the Acting Chief who with greatest courtesy explained the organization and special features of the Berkeley Department and then escorted us through the entire installation. It must be pointed out that he took great pains to provide Dr. Bruckner with a good insight into the functioning of the Berkeley Police and its responsibilities and relationship to other functions of the local government. After a drive through the Berkeley Hills, we returned to San Francisco and had dinner at Oscar Elmyr's Restaurant at about 1930. After dinner we took a cabless ride on the Powell Street line over Knob Hill to North Beach, walked among the sea food shops and restaurants around Fisherman's Wharf, stopped at "Skipper Kanta" and "Club 365" for drinks and to watch the floor shows for a while. We returned by way of the Latin Quarter to our hotel shortly after midnight.

30 October

Following a 0900 breakfast at the hotel, we started out for Marin County, driving over the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito, Mill Valley, Mount Tamalpais, Muir Woods, Stinson Beach, San Raphael, San Quentin and back to San Francisco. We then dashed out to the Cliff House for lunch, driving through the Presidio and the Sea Cliff area. After lunch we hurried down to the Bridge Terminal, parked and boarded a Key System train for Berkeley and the UCLA vs Cal. football game. We saw only the last quarter but took time after the game to watch the antics of the students. On returning to San Francisco, we strolled through Chinatown and then among the stores on Market Street. At 2000 we checked out of the hotel and took a cab to the Southern Pacific Station to get the "Last" leaving for Los Angeles at 2100. We had dinner on the train and then spent an hour or so drinking in the lounge car.

31 October

The train arrived on schedule in Los Angeles and we went directly from the depot to the Biltmore Hotel. I immediately arranged for both an afternoon and evening Grayline sightseeing tour of Los Angeles and environs. We had lunch at the hotel and a light supper after the evening tour at a "Pig & Whistle" cafeteria. With drinks at the Biltmore Bar, the day ended.

1 November

At 0715 we took a bus to the Los Angeles Air Terminal to board TWA Flight No. 94 for Chicago departing at 0845. At 1630 we landed at Midway Airport in Chicago and took a bus to the Conrad Hilton Hotel. At 1900 we went down for dinner in the Boulevard Room where the entertainment included an ice show. After the dinner and show we went on the street for a while and then returned to the hotel bar until after midnight.

2 November

Following breakfast we took the Grayline grand tour of the city by bus. We then had a late lunch at "Henrietta's" Restaurant and went for a stroll through the downtown business district within the Loop. At about 1800 we went to the Airport from where Dr. Bruckner departed on TWA Flight 86 at 1930 for Washington D.C. I returned by bus to the hotel to await confirmation of requested reservation on a United Air

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Lines Flight to San Francisco.

9 November Departed from Chicago at 1155 on UAL flight arriving in San Francisco via Denver and Salt Lake City at 2020.

Comment:

I have the sure impression that Dr. Brueckner greatly enjoyed his trip and sincerely feels a deep sense of appreciation to [] and others who are responsible for it. It is regrettable that so much had to be crowded into so short a time. I was aware that accumulating new impressions were piling up so fast and high that his perceptions gradually dulled from the impact. Brueckner seemed particularly impressed by his visit to the Berkeley Police Department and the University of California, where, he said, he hopes to be able some day to send his son. It is unfortunate that time did not allow for a visit to a great automobile manufacturing plant. A desperate attempt was made to squeeze in a tour through a slaughter house in Chicago, but word was handed down that slaughter houses were not at present open to visitors. On the whole we enjoyed fairly good weather throughout the trip. On the last day, in Chicago, it became drab and cold. Fog also swept in on the last evening in San Francisco on which I had planned to drive Brueckner around the south side to the top of Twin Peaks for the final grand view. He had seen parts of the city from the Mark Hopkins and the top of Telegraph Hill, but it is only from Twin Peaks where the entire city can be seen. I think Brueckner found a good part of the Los Angeles Grayline tour fairly dull, mainly because of the overemphasis on pointing out the residences of movie stars in Beverley Hills and Hollywood.

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